

# Rooster Tales



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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
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## Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

**Flagstaff Area:** at Trinity Heights UMC

Jan 24            May 16  
Mar 28            June 20 - 4th Day Dinner

**Phoenix Area:** 7:00 PM

Cookies and worship  
Jan 9 - St Matthew UMC in  
Mesa. October Lay Directors  
will be commissioned in front  
of community.



Note change of date and time.

Jan. 23 - West Side Gathering at Spirit of Hope UMC,  
14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria. 6:30 PM Dessert/  
fellowship, 7:00 PM Worship. Please call ahead if child care  
is needed. Valerie Fairchild's number is 623-824-1357

**Tucson Area:**

Jan 17 - 5:00 PM potluck followed by worship/  
communion at Sierra Vista UMC, 3225 St Andrews Dr.  
Manny Abeles' email is mannyct1@yahoo.com

**Yuma Area:** Potluck at 6 PM/gathering 7 PM

Jan 9 - Gila Mountain United Methodist Church, 12716  
E North Frontage Road  
AnnaMarie Sollars' email is amsazmama@aol.com

- Walk #233, Feb 19-22, 2015 St Paul's UMC  
Tucson, Jim Beaman, Lay Director
- Walk #234, Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015 St Paul's UMC  
Tucson, Karen Anderson, Lay Director
- Walk #235, June 4-7, 2015 Trinity Heights UMC  
Flagstaff, Paul Robinson, Lay Director
- Walk #236, June 11-14, 2015 Trinity Heights UMC  
Flagstaff, Hazelee Robinson, Lay Director
- Walk #237, Oct 1-4, 2015 Paradise Valley UMC,  
Don Davis, Lay Director
- Walk #238, Oct 8-11, 2015 Paradise Valley UMC,  
Rosemary James, Lay Director

## Thank You, Jim McFadden!

Due to health reasons, Jim has been forced to step down from his position as Gathering Chair on the AZ WTE Board of Directors. We thank Jim for his many years of service and pray for better health for Jim in the new year.

If you might be interested in finishing Jim's term on the Board through June 2015, contact any board member listed on the back page of this issue.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity.

## NEW TIME, NEW DATE

Those of you in the Phoenix area who would normally attend a gathering at Paradise Valley UMC, note the time change and location for our **January gathering**. Don Davis and Rosemary James will be commissioned during our cookie & coffee social time and then we will worship. Join us at 7:00 PM at St. Matt's.

## 30th Anniversary of AZ WTE

The Arizona Walk to Emmaus began in 1985, so in 2015, we plan a special celebration. Be watching in the Rooster Tales for the exact date and activities that are just in the planning stage at this time. It will probably be in the fall, 2015. More information to follow later.



Happy New Year,  
2015 is here!  
Wishing you and yours a  
healthy, happy year ahead.

## Walk #233, Feb 19-22, 2015

### St Paul's UMC LEADERS TEAM

Jim Beaman	Lay Director
Dennis Foster	Assistant Lay Director
Brian Nikkari	Assistant Lay Director
Lionel Richardson	Assistant Lay Director
Dick Spining	Assistant Lay Director
Bob Holliday	Head Spiritual Director
Doug Bobbit	Assistant Spiritual Director
Ed Denham	Assistant Spiritual Director
Jim Wiltbank	Assistant Spiritual Director
Doug Bowers	Music Leader
Dan Abshire	Head Cook
Terry Hendricks	Assistant Head Cook

### TALK TEAM

Jim Buttke	Peter Daniels	Randy Gaines
Steve Haralson	Bob Hooper	Jim Moffet
Frank Morton	Dick van Loben Sels	

### COOK TEAM

Don Booth	Bill Eader	Jim Evans
Ken Ford	Everett Greenwood	Bob Hooper
Ron Jennings	Kim Marinelli	Wade Martin
Fred Pascoe	Bill Ralston	Rick Reynolds
Kim Riddlesworth	Matt Sheeringa	Eddie Vasquez
Bill Whealy	Jim Wright	

### PILGRIMS

Richard McColley	Cameron White
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## Walk #234, Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015

### St Paul's UMC LEADERS TEAM

Karen Anderson	Lay Director
Holly Abeles	Assistant Lay Director
Jan Beaman	Assistant Lay Director
Doris Magargee	Assistant Lay Director
April Tucker	Assistant Lay Director
Mark Maddox	Head Spiritual Director
Jessica Goad	Assistant Spiritual Director
Linda Stanley	Assistant Spiritual Director
Ann Gaines	Music Leader
Barbie Spining	Head Cook
Cheryl Smith	Assistant Head Cook
Kay Pitt	Chef

### TALK TEAM

Sandy Allen	Cathy Bol	Bernice Edwards
Sandra Featherston	Jane Furr	Chris Garrison
Susan Gerstad	Elaine Gokey	Stephanie Hartung
Cheryl Holiday	Janet Luke	Marilyn Neal
Jinx Nevins	Carol Woodcock	

### COOK TEAM

Michal Aulds	Joy Bain	Kara Calloway
Suzanne Cipra	Nina Conrad	Marsha Danner
Ruth Dawson	Pat de Feyter	Gwyn Dickson
Tammie Eader	Mary Ellen East	Barbara Elrington
Janice Evans	B Fenchak	Ruby Gillette
Susan Lindsay	Gretchen Lofgren	Ruthanne Lynn
Susan Mallory	Julie Martin	Leanne Martin
Dee Ormond	Audrey Richardson	Ae Sun Robles
Carla Ruhl	Karin Smith	Connie Swenson
Connie Wren		

### 3-DAY TEAM

Lorraine Adams	Kelly Capps (lead)
Jeanie Folstad	Kristen Forrester

### PILGRIMS

Esther Ames	Carolea Bailey	Clarissa Black
Marlene Forrest	Susan Killebrew	Kellie Konrad
Doreen Martino	Jean Matthews-Hansen	
Arlene McNeece	Rosalina Mendosa	Lynne Mcestich
Michele Montbleau	Zamia Mosman	April Phininzy
Donnell Puckett	Susan Ruffini	Odessa Stewart

*Please consider asking a couple to attend the Walk. There are openings for both men and women on the Tucson walks.*



## Sponsors

Your Board of Directors is concerned with the number of married women who are asked to be pilgrims on a Walk to Emmaus, without including husbands. As you can see from the numbers listed, often husbands of married couples are missing out on the experience by only signing up the wife. This has become a huge issue. If the husband has physical problems that wouldn't allow him to participate, that is one thing, but as we look at the list of women wanting to Walk in February in Tucson and we see only two men, what does this tell us?

We need men to be leaders in our churches and to go on the walk before their wife. Hopefully you can help us out here.

Prayerfully consider which couples God has placed on your heart before you talk to the couple. Then talk to both members of the couple together!

## Communique from Community Lay Director, Wally Athey

### It's about Relationships

As Mike, Rob, and I met for our weekly reunion group (Bill and Jim were under the weather and not with us that day), we began to share about folks who might be struggling at Christmas time as they remembered family and friends no longer around. Those relationships now exist only in their memory of days past. But it is those cherished relationships which have value.

The Bible is filled with stories, beginning to end, of God's desire for a lasting relationship with humankind. God established a relationship Adam and Eve. And another relationship with Noah. And another with Abraham and Moses. And so on throughout Hebrew history, creating relationships and then recreating them after they were broken. And finally God established a new relationship with us through Christ Jesus that we cling to today.

Relationships are part of the core values of the Walk To Emmaus. And it starts with the relationship between sponsor and pilgrims. Whether family or friend, someone at work or someone in choir, personal relationships enable us to start a conversation, "Want to know more about the Walk To Emmaus?" And it is those relationships which can conclude with, "How about we sponsor the two of you on the next set of weekends? It would be a blessing to us."

We establish new or rekindle old relationships when a weekend team is called together. The Leadership Team often meets four or five times prior to the first full team meeting to build their relationships. Then the team relationships becomes stronger through shared experiences, so we ask all talk team members to attend each meeting and Cooks to attend as many as possible in preparation of serving the Pilgrims. Table relationships with your partner can key meaningful table conversations following each talk. And remember the valuable relationships Cooks share with one another as they prepare meals, deliver agape, or wash the dishes. All of these relationships add value and meaning to the weekend. These strong team relationships can translate to deeper relationships with Pilgrims as the weekend progresses. And eventually these weekend relationships can lead to a truer relationship with God through Christ Jesus.

May 2015 be the year all of your relationships grow stronger and more meaningful.



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